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(a) (1) A majority of the full authorized membership of the Commission is a quorum.

(2) The Commission may not act unless at least 4 members concur.

(b) The Commission shall determine the times and places of its meetings.

(c) (1) The secretary of the Commission promptly shall send the Governor a certified copy of the minutes of each meeting of the Commission.

(2) The minutes shall include a copy of each regulation of the Agency that is adopted.

(d) (1) Each member of the Commission is entitled to:

(i) the salary provided in the budget of the Commission; and

(ii) reimbursement for reasonable expenses:

1. incurred in the performance of the Commission member's duties; and

2. as provided in the budget of the Commission.

(2) Each member of the Commission shall be paid biweekly.

(3) Each member is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the budget of the Commission.

(e) (1) With the advice of the Commission, the Director may employ deputy directors and other staff in accordance with the State budget.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection or otherwise by law, the staff of the Commission is in the State Personnel Management System.

(3) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, a deputy director is in the executive service of the State Personnel Management System.

(ii) A deputy director may be removed only for cause after being given notice and an opportunity for a hearing.

(4) (i) With the approval of the Commission and in accordance with the State budget, the Director may set the compensation of an Agency employee in a position that:

1. is unique to the Agency;
2. requires specific skills or experience to perform the duties of the position; and
3. does not require the employee to perform functions that are comparable to functions performed in other units of the Executive Branch of State government.

(ii) The Secretary of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Director, shall determine the positions for which the Director may set compensation under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

(5) (i) The Governor shall include in the State budget sufficient money for the Commission to hire, develop, and organize a staff to perform the functions of the Commission.

(ii) As deemed necessary by the Commission, the Commission shall hire experts including economists, gaming specialists, and lawyers.

(iii) 1. The Commission shall contract with an outside consultant to provide continual analysis of the gaming industry both within and outside the State and support the licensing activities of the Commission and the Video Lottery Facility Location Commission.

2. The cost of the consultant required under this subparagraph may be divided proportionally among the video lottery operation licensees as determined by the Commission.

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